

November 6, 2008

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloat; Chief Waters; Comm. Maynard; Scott Titzer – Infinity Molding, Inc.; Mike Loehrlein – Key Construction; John Hamrick – Hamricks Towing; Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.

Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated the annual Halloween candy give away went well, distributing around 1,100 bags of candy to area trick-or-treaters. He added all of the candy was handed out by 6:15 p.m., another successful year.

Board member Higgins asked about the crime factor this, as Halloween was on Friday night.

Chief Beloat replied they were very busy Friday night, a lot of activity; but the extra patrols they had out seemed to help as complaints were actually down.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated, as a result of their Executive Session, he would like to recommend the rehiring of Wes Dixon to the Mount Vernon Fire Department, with Mr. Dixon being treated as all other rehires.

Board member Higgins moved the rehiring of Mr. Dixon be approved. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then added Mr. Dixon will still have to pass his physical and psychological testing.

Chief Waters agreed. He then stated there has been a new federal mandate – reflective vests are to be worn when the department is doing any work on 4th Street (Highway 62).

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Chief Waters added though this is a federal mandate, there is no federal funding. He stated he will need about 30 vests, at a cost of between \$600 and \$700.

Mayor Tucker stated unfortunately, they have to have them, it is a safety issue. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated in reference to the pumps he discussed at the last meeting, he has a second opinion on the Farmersville pump and it is bad. He added he does have an estimate on the Park Ridge pump, it needs totally replaced. He then presented the Board with the \$2,400 quote from Pump Consultants. He continued by

stating he also has a quote on calibration of the meters, which needs to be done every year, per the State. He added the quote is from Gripp for \$1,305.00.

Board member Askren moved the Park Ridge pump be replaced by Pump Consultants for \$2,400.00.

Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Mayor Tucker then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Askren then moved the Board accept the quote of Gripp for the calibration of the meters, at a cost of \$1,305.00. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard reported leaf collection is in full swing, and the beet juice they ordered arrived this week as well.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience are Scott Titzer and Mike Loehrlein with the Infinity Molding sewer tap.

Mr. Titzer stated their paperwork is in and should be received by Attorney Higgins sometime today. He added they paid their fees for that and they just need now to pay their tap fee.

Supt. Givens questioned if the easement issues were taken care of ?

Mr. Titzer replied Attorney Higgins indicated there were no issues with that.

Supt. Givens stated he believed that was all they were waiting on, he feels everything should be fine at this point to proceed. He added he would like to be informed when the tap is being made so that he can be present to inspect it and take photos.

Board member Askren then moved official permission to tap be given, pending completion of paperwork.

Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Titzer and Mr. Loehrlein thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mr. John Hamrick approached the podium and stated he is the owner of Hamrick's Towing Service and is interested in providing wrecker service to the City of Mount Vernon. He added he has leased a building in Posey County and would like to get on the towing list here in Mount Vernon. He added he holds all the contracts for the city of Evansville as well as the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department. He stated his company makes around 10,000 tows per year for the city of Evansville alone. He added he has letters of recommendation as well as an equipment list, which he then gave to the Board. He stated he has 30 employees, 25 wreckers, air bags, a crane, he drug tests....he can handle anything that the city would have come up. He also stated he is an Equal Opportunity Employer and donates cars to the Evansville Fire Department for training purposes. He then stated he was in business in Mount Vernon until 1992 and at that time did a lot of work for the city Street Department, under the Higgins administration. He asked the Board if they had any questions ?

Chief Beloit asked if he would have someone located at the Mount Vernon yard ?

Mr. Hamrick replied yes, there will be, though there isn't anyone there now.

Board member Askren asked if he is wanting a contract with the city ?

Mr. Hamrick replied no, but that would be nice.

Chief Beloit stated the city has experienced a turnover in wrecker services in the last year or two – they had had P and T and Blacks, P and T went out of business.

Mr. Hamrick added helped the city out when they had no wrecker service in the city at all.

Chief Beloit asked the response time of Hamrick's Towing ? Especially in the middle of the night.

Mr. Hamrick replied if the city agrees to use them, give him a week, and he will have a night driver located at the Mount Vernon yard. He added right now, it would probably take them 20-25 minutes to get down here, depending on traffic. He also stated his companies are stable, and he is not going anywhere.

Mayor Tucker stated he believes competition is good, it can keep prices down as well. He added if they only have one wrecker service and that wrecker gets tied up, then what ?

Board member Askren questioned the cost ?

Mr. Hamrick replied that is why a contract is good, but Mayor Tucker is correct, competition is good because it keeps everyone on their toes.

Chief Beloit stated he has talked with Mr. Hamrick several times and he has no issues working with him and with one wrecker service in town, they could use another. He added he believes Mr. Hamrick is simply trying to get an idea if the city can use his service and if so, to what capacity.

Board member Askren stated she is all for it.

Mayor Tucker agreed and added if they have two services in town, they should both be supported.

Board then consented to work with Mr. Hamrick and Black's towing both. He then welcomed Mr. Hamrick back to the City.

Mr. Hamrick then thanked the Board.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Supt. Givens stated in reference to the printer he has discussed at several meetings, he has still not made that purchase.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, they need to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held after their last regular meeting.

Board member Higgins moved the minutes be approved. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer